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Bruce

From: Matthew Tilley To: Bruce Cook

Subject: New Jersey Flyer

Date: Monday, December 08, 1997 2:05PM

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Attached is the revised flyer as we discussed.

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#### **URGENT ALERT TO NEW JERSEY RETAILERS!**

# Proposed Cigarette Tax Hike Threatens Your Business!

Right now in Trenton, some of our state legislators are pushing for a \$2.50 per carton increase in the cigarette tax. That would give us the highest cigarette tax in the region — even higher than New York! Such a tax hike will hurt your business by giving your customers incentive to buy cigarettes from out-of state retailers.

#### With a Cigarette Tax Hike, Your Customer Would Save:

\$5 per carton in Delaware, \$2.90 per carton in Pennsylvania Up to \$6 per carton on New York Indian reservations

The American Economic Group estimates that the tax increase will reduce the state's cigarette sales volume by 78 million cigarette packs — a \$300 million commercial loss.

## Help Stop This Attack On Your Business!

You can make a difference by calling your state legislators as soon as possible. Tell them that a vote for this tax is a vote against New Jersey businesses. Send them a message that any tax increase is unacceptable, but particularly a tax hike that so affects your business. Anti-business politicians are trying to rush this tax, so please contact your legislators as soon as possible.

### Call Your Legislators Today!

If you do not know your legislator's phone number, please call Legislative Services at (609) 292-4840 and the operator will assist you.

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